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SUBJECT: (SBU) GOLDSTONE REPORT NOT DISCUSSED DURING RECENT
EU FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE; NO COMMON EU POSITION YET

REF: STATE 15722

1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Deputy Head of
the European Council's Human Rights' Unit and to European
Commission officers on February 23. Political Counselor also
discussed with Spanish Perm Rep Middle East coordinator. All

noted that the Goldstone report had not been on the agenda of the February 22 Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) meeting and was not formally discussed. There may have been informal discussions among ministers, according to the Spanish diplomat, but no formal position has yet been established.

12. (SBU) Separately, EU Spanish Presidency representative told Poloff the EU was continuing to try to reach a common position on the resolution. He agreed that it is counterproductive to convene a conference of High Contracting parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention, as recommended in the Palestinian Observer Mission's draft resolution. However, he explained that the EU has not yet decided on a position regarding the Palestinian Observer Mission's draft resolution.

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